

News Release

Two new certificate programs in Health Informatics to launch at the U of M Crookston

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Two certificate programs will launch in the Math, Science, and Technology (MST) Department at the University of Minnesota, Crookston in fall 2010. A certificate program will be available in Health Informatics Privacy and Security for Health Care Providers along with a certificate program in Health Informatics for Software Engineers and Information Technology Professionals.

The two are integral components of the University Partnership for Health Informatics (UP-HI), a consortium established through partnership among the U of M, Crookston, the University of Minnesota's Institute of Health Informatics, School of Nursing, School of Public Health, and Department of Computer Science, and the College of St. Scholastica.

The Health Informatics Privacy and Security for Health Care Providers (HIPS-HCP) Certificate Program will prepare students to support the secure collection, management, retrieval, exchange, and/or analysis of information in electronic form in health care and public health organizations. The program is designed mainly to attract students who are working as health care providers or who are currently enrolled in or have completed a bachelor's degree or an associate degree in health, allied health, clinical lab science, or public health. It is especially attractive to community college graduates who are seeking to finish a baccalaureate degree.

The Health Informatics for Software Engineers and Information Technology Professionals (HI-SEITP) Certificate Program will prepare students with an existing background in information technology, programming, and software engineering to apply their expertise to the domain of health informatics in order to build advanced information systems for health care and public health organizations. This program is designed mainly to attract students who are enrolled in or who have completed a bachelor's degree or higher in a computer science, software engineering, or information technology profession.

The UP-HI consortium has been funded \$5.1 million by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act for three full years. Scholarships to cover tuition are available for up to 54 students at the Crookston campus. Both certificate programs offered by the MST Department were approved at the July meeting of the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota. For information on the programs, visit www.umcrookston.edu/academics.

Today the University of Minnesota, Crookston delivers 29 bachelor's degree programs, 18 minors, and more than 40 concentrations, including several online degrees, in the areas of agriculture and natural resources; business; liberal arts and education; and math, science and technology. With an enrollment of about 1,300 undergraduates from more than 25 countries and 40 states, the Crookston campus offers a supportive, close-knit atmosphere that leads to a prestigious University of Minnesota degree. "Small Campus. Big Degree." To learn more, visit www.umcrookston.edu.

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